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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

14 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SAN JOSE DIVISION

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LORI FORD,) CASE NO. CV12-02061 HRL
13 Plaintiff,)
14 vs.)
15 MOTEL 6; ACCORD BUSINESS AND)
16 LEISURE NORTH AMERICA, INC.; ACCOR)
17 BUSINESS AND LEISURE NORTH)
18 AMERICA, INC. dba Motel 6, and DOES 1)
through 100,)
Defendants.)

DEFENDANT MOTEL 6 OPERATING
L.P.'S REQUEST FOR NON-LEAD
COUNSEL TO ATTEND INITIAL CASE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE;
[PROPOSED] ORDER

Motel 6 Operating L.P. ("Defendant") requests that this Court permit Rebecca Wardell, counsel for Defendant, to attend the Initial Case Management Conference in place of Thomas Packer, lead counsel for Defendant. On July 24, 2012, Mr. Packer will be in Raleigh, North Carolina sitting for the first day of the North Carolina State Bar Examination and will be unable to attend the Initial Case Management Conference on that date.

Both Mr. Packer and Ms. Wardell represent Defendant in the above-captioned matter, and represent Defendant in other matters. While Mr. Packer is lead counsel for Defendant, Ms. Wardell is familiar with all aspects of this case and has been directly involved in this suit from its initiation in state court, including negotiating the parties' joint status conference statement with

1 plaintiffs' counsel. Additionally, Ms. Wardell represents Defendant in other actions. As such
2 she is competent and capable to appear on behalf of Defendant at the Initial Case Management
3 Conference in place of lead counsel. In the alternative, Defendant would request a brief
4 continuance of the Conference, although defense counsel is confident that the Conference can
5 proceed that all necessary issues can be addressed.

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7 Dated: July 17, 2012

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By: /s/

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Defendant Motel 6 Operating L.P.'s Request for Non-Lead Counsel to Attend Initial Case Management Conference is GRANTED. Rebecca Wardell may attend the Initial Case Management Conference in place of lead counsel Thomas Packer.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____

United States Magistrate Judge

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